Licensed contract agreement for business on Railway Stations/Platforms

3398. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any licensed contract agreement on the Railways wherein sole-selling-right clause is provided/available for conducting business on stations and platforms, available for conducting business on stations and platforms, if so, what are the details with names thereof; and

(b) what is the number of licensed contracts where in the tenure is more than five years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) M/s. A. H. Wheelear and Co. have sole selling right at certain individual stations, mentioned in the agreement executed with them except that the railways can permit sale of Books etc. by non-profit making institutions or philanthropic institutions. The sole selling right, however, does not extend to allotment of stalls on new platforms at stations where Wheelers have sole selling right.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Facilities at Anand Vihar station in Delhi

3399. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided a new railway station named Anand Vihar in the Capital;

(b) if so, whether Catering, Vending Book-Stall, cycle stand etc., facilities have been provided at the Station;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any provision for expansion of this stations as a Junction station?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Anand Vihar is a Contractor operated halt station which is open for passengers only.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is a proposal for providing a directional terminal at Anand Vihar. This would be finalised when necessary land is acquired by Delhi Development Authority and handed over to the Railway.

Delayed/cancelled flight of National Airlines

3400. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of Air India and Vayudoot flights delayed in each of the last six months;

(b) which flights were cancelled during the said period and the reasons for cancellation in each case; and

(c) what is the number of these flights which were cancelled due to engine or other mechanical/maintenance troubles and lack of supporting ground facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Percentage of Air India flights delayed 30 minutes and above, during the last six months is given below. Information in respect of Valudoot flights is being collected

and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha:—

September, '88 . . .	9.57%
October, '88	13.62%
November, '88 . . .	14.11%
December, '88 . . .	11.17%
January, '89	12.63%
February, '89	11.95%

(b) During this period, 87 flights of Air India were cancelled due to engineering problems and six flights due to operational reasons. Information in respect of Vayudoot flights is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Details are being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Profits/Losses by State Road Transport Corporation

3401. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the profits/losses earned/incurred by various Central and State Road Transport Corporations/Authorities in each of the last three years and the current year and also the cumulative profit/loss in each case stating the investment made in each case; and

(b) in what manner the profit/loss performance of Government buses, compare with those of the private buses during each of the last three years; both under the Delhi Transport Corporation stating the similar comparison in different States also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of the Vishwa Hindi Vidyapeeth

3402. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pelased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question Nos. 1981 and 3292 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August and 7th December, 1988 respectively and state:

(a) what are the comments of the UGC Chairman on the draft bill prepared by the sub-committee constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development for the setting up of the Vishwa Hindi Vidyapeeth especially to facilitate the study of Hindi by foreign students;

(b) what progress has been made so far in the light of these comments;

(c) what is the time-schedule of the establishment of the Vidyapeeth; and

(d) whether the late Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira Gandhi, had promised and made announcement for the appointment of a committee for establishing this Vidyapeeth; if so, on which date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The UGC Chairman has opined that in all the Universities Hindi. Departments have already been established. Therefore, to set up separate Hindi University would not be feasible. Secondly, there may be demands from other quarters for setting up universities on Language basis. Therefore, to establish any University on the basis of Language is not desirable.

(b) The suggestions of the Chairman, University Grants Commission were discussed by a Sub-Committee in its meeting held on 17th August, 1988. The draft Bill is being studied in the light of the deliberations by the Sub-Committee

(c) No time-schedule has been laid down for the establishment of the Vidyapeeth.